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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.196(B)(1)

This is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.196(b)(1), which is being filed in response to a Decision on Appeal, mailed on August 26, 2003, from the Examiner's final rejection of claims 1-5, 7 and 24-25. Please amend the claims as follows:

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified applications.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

[X] No additional fee is required.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	8	20	0	x 9 =	\$0	x 18 =	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2	3	0	x 43	.\$0	x 86 =	\$0
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